## Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

## Listing of Claims

1. (Original) An electroless gold plating liquid comprising a non-cyanide gold salt as a gold salt, an alkali metal salt or an ammonium salt of sulfurous acid and thiosulfuric acid as a complexing agent for gold, a hydroxyalkylsulfonic acid or a salt thereof represented by the following general formula as a reducing agent, and an amine compound.

{Chemical Formula 1}

$$HO-CH-(CH_2)_n-SO_3X$$
R

(wherein R represents hydrogen, a carboxyl group, or any of a phenyl group, a tolyl group, a naphthyl group, a saturated or unsaturated alkyl group, an acetyl group, an acetonyl group, a pyridyl group and a furyl group which may have a substitutional group, X represents any of hydrogen, Na, K, and NH4, and n is an integer between 0 and 4.)

- 2. (Original) An electroless gold plating liquid according to Claim 1, wherein the reducing agent represented by said general formula is sodium hydroxymethanesulfonate (HOCH2SO3Na).
- 3. (Currently Amended) An electroless gold plating liquid according to Claim 1—or 2, wherein the non-cyanide gold salt is sodium gold sulfite.

- 4. (Currently Amended) An electroless gold plating liquid according to any one of Claims 1 through 3Claim 1, wherein said amine compound is ethylenediamine or glycine.
  - 5. (Canceled)